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EXAMINING GROUP 3761

Docket No. PPC-780

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION  
INCLUDING AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the July 15, 2003 Final Office Action, which set forth a shortened statutory period of three months from response. Accordingly, this response is timely filed upon mailing with an executed Certificate of Mailing on or before October 15, 2003. 37 CFR § 1.8.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- ☒ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.
- ☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 6 of this paper.
- ☒ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 9 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet(s).
- ☒ **Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.